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TO AMEMBASSY DAKAR

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED BUCKLEY INTERVIEW WITH SENGHOR

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM LOUGHRAN - AF/W

1. WAS CONTACTED BY PAUL SWEENEY, DEPUTY EXEC. PRODUCER  
FIRING LINE TV PRODUCTION, TO ENLIST YOUR ASSISTANCE  
DETERMINING IF PRESIDENT SENGHOR MIGHT CONSIDER BEING  
INTERVIEWED ON WILLIAM BUCKLEY'S FIRING LINE TV SHOW VIA  
VIDIOTAPING SESSION DONE "LIVE", SUBJECT TO SUBSEQUENT  
EDITING IF REQUIRED BY GOS, IN DAKAR MARCH 30 OR 31  
FOR LATER VIEWING IN US. PROPOSED TAPING DATES COINCIDE  
PORT CALL DAKAR OF SS FRANCE, ABOARD WHICH BUCKLEY WILL  
BE TRAVELING. FIRING LINE PRODUCERS INTEND HIRE  
SERVICES SENEGALESE TV IN DAKAR FOR TAPING. PRESUMABLY  
BUCKLEY WOULD AGREE SUBMIT IN ADVANCE CATAGORIES OF  
QUESTIONS HE PROPOSES TO ASK SENGHOR, BUT BUCKLEY STRONGLY  
WISHES AVOID REQUIREMENT SUBMIT SPECIFIC QUESTIONS IN  
ADVANCE.

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2. SWEENEY UNDER PRESSURE FROM BUCKLEY AND SENIOR PRODUCER WARREN STEIBEL DETERMINE SENGHOR'S REACTION ASAP BUT APPARENTLY AMBASSADOR COULBARY AND HIS STAFF HAVE NOT YET ACTED ON SWEENEY'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE. UNDER- STAND SENGHOR'S ENGLISH ADEQUATE TO TASK AND RECALL HE HAS GIVEN PREPARED SPEECHES IN ENGLISH, BUT WONDER IF HE MIGHT BE NEEDLESSLY SELF-CONSCIOUS ABOUT MINOR MISTAKES IN UNSTRUCTURED CONVERSATION BEFORE TV CAMERAS?

3. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS RE SENGHOR'S PROBABLE REACTION, AND WHAT WE SHOULD ADVISE STEIBEL AND SWEENEY. FYI: WENDELL COOTE DEMURRED ON SIMILAR REQUEST RE KENYATTA ON GROUNDS KENYATTA SIMPLY DOES NOT GRANT INTERVIEWS TO FOREIGN MEDIA. RUSH

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